

CONTENT STANDARD 6: Rights and Responsibilities of Citizens

Students will demonstrate knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizens to participate in and shape public policy, and contribute to the maintenance of our democratic way of life.

K-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12
6.K-2.1 Identify the rights of citizens in a democratic society and explain why certain responsibilities are important to themselves, their families, community, state and nation; and 6.K-2.2 Establish, explain and apply criteria useful in evaluating rules and laws for solving problems and resolving conflicts between people.	6.3-4.1 Explain the meaning and important characteristics of citizenship in the United States. 6.3-4.2 Establish, explain and apply criteria useful in evaluating rules and laws for solving problems and resolving conflicts between people. 6.3-4.3 Explain the importance of taking an active role in political leadership and public service in their school and community; and 6.3-4.4 Exercise political participation by discussing public issues, building consensus and becoming involved in politics.	6.5-6.1 Describe how one becomes a citizen of the United States. 6.5-6.2 Identify significant characteristics of an effective citizen and know how to influence public policy by participating in the government of their school; and 6.5-6.3 Identify and apply criteria useful in selecting political leaders at the local, state and national levels.	6.7-8.1 Explain the meaning of political rights (e.g., right to vote, right to assemble) as distinguished from personal rights (e.g., freedom of speech, freedom of movement). 6.7-8.2 Evaluate situations involving conflicts between rights and propose solutions to these conflicts; and 6.7-8.3 Research an issue of interest and be able to take and defend a position on that issue.	6.9-10.1 Identify and explain characteristics needed for effective participation in public life; and 6.9-10.2 Monitor and influence the formation and implementation of policy through various forms of participation.	6.11-12.1 Evaluate whether or when their obligations as citizens require that their personal desires, beliefs and interests be subordinated to the public good. 6.11-12.2 Establish, explain and apply criteria to evaluate rules and laws, and 6.11-12.3 Take a position on a current policy issue and attempt to influence its formation, development and implementation.